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Response to First Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the First Office Action in the above case dated 1/28/2005, please consider the amendment, comment and argument below.

AMENDMENT

TO THE CLAIMS: (please see the following page)